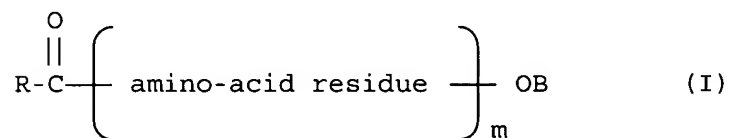


CLAIMS

1. A cleansing composition, particularly for cleansing skin and/or hair, comprising one or more oily substances at a total concentration within the range of between 10% and 90% by weight relative to the composition and a surfactant selected from N-acylates of amino-acids, proteins and peptides, and mixtures thereof, at a total concentration within the range of between 2% and 80% by weight relative to the composition, the N-acylates of amino-acids, proteins and peptides having formula (I):



wherein:

R is a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched radical with from 3 to 30 carbon atoms, and the acyl group R-CO- is bound by an amide bond to the amine-nitrogen of the amino-acid residue,

m is a whole number  $\geq 1$ , in which, when  $m > 1$ , the repeated amino-acid residues may be identical to or different from one another,

B is hydrogen or a cation of an inorganic or organic base,

the composition being substantially anhydrous or having a water content no greater than 10% by weight relative to the composition.

2. A cleansing composition according to Claim 1, wherein the oily substance is at a total concentration within the range

of between 30% and 70% by weight, relative to the composition.

3. A cleansing composition according to Claim 1, wherein the surfactant is at a concentration within the range of between 10% and 40% by weight, relative to the composition.

4. A cleansing composition according to Claim 1, wherein B is a cation of an organic base selected from MIPA (mono-isopropanol amine), TIPA (tri-isopropanol amine), tris amino (2-amino-2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-propandiol), AEPD (2-amino-2-ethyl-1,3-propandiol), AMPD (aminomethyl propandiol) and AMP (aminomethyl propanol) or a cation of an inorganic base selected from KOH, NaOH and  $\text{NH}_3$ .

5. A cleansing composition according to Claim 1, wherein the surfactant is selected from the N-acylates of alanine, arginine, aspartic acid, asparagine, glutamic acid, glutamine, glycine, histidine, hydroxyproline, leucine, isoleucine, lysine, methionine, phenylalanine, proline, serine, threonine, tyrosine, valine, cystine, cysteine, sarcosine, pyrrolidone carboxylic acid, and mixtures thereof.

6. A cleansing composition according to Claim 1, wherein the surfactant is selected from N-acylates of proteins and peptides of vegetable origin, preferably from rice, wheat, oats, maize, or mixtures thereof.

7. A cleansing composition according to Claim 1, wherein the surfactant is selected from acid N-cocoyl sarcosinate, acid N-oleoyl sarcosinate, and mixtures thereof.

8. A cleansing composition according to Claim 1, wherein the oily substance is selected from the group consisting of paraffinic hydrocarbons, naphthenic hydrocarbons, terpenic hydrocarbons, siloxanic polymers, triglyceric esters, non-

triglyceric esters, fatty acids, fatty alcohols, essential oils, and mixtures thereof.

9. A cleansing composition according to Claim 1, further comprising a further, non-ionic ethoxylated surfactant, preferably an ethoxylated fatty alcohol, or a mixture of non-ionic ethoxylated surfactants.

10. A cleansing composition according to Claim 1, wherein N-acylates of amino-acids, proteins, and peptides comprise surfactants in cleansing compositions based on oily substances, for cleansing skin and/or hair.